

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Commerce

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

10804

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

09/30/2017

6. Expected Renewal Date

09/30/2019

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

EO 13158 (establ.) and EO signed 9/29/17

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Presidential

12. Specific Establishment Authority

EO 13158 and EO signed 9/29/17

13. Effective Date

05/26/2000

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open 2 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 2 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Public meeting to scope and refine the Committee's new charge; define outputs, timelines and expectations; form analysis and writing teams; and, initiate deliberations. Meet with Natl. Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Chairs to explore common issues related to the MPAFAC charge. Discuss draft products and timeline for completion. Note -- when planned and announced in the FR, the meeting had been intended to include a final vote on the Committee's products. However, they determined that they required additional editing and review before voting, and thus the meeting was conducted as a Preparatory Session without a vote. No members of the public called in to the teleconference line.	01/17/2018	01/19/2018
	09/19/2018	09/19/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$40,500.00	\$37,500.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$21,000.00	\$25,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$6,000.00	\$7,500.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$2,700.00	\$5,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
18d. Total	\$153,700.00	\$158,700.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretaries of Commerce and Interior to focus Federal Government efforts to develop and support an effective national system of marine protected areas (MPAs). It typically operates 1-3 Subcommittees and/or Working Groups per term, addressing timely aspects of MPA management and policy. During FY18, the full Committee as a whole addressed one element of the charge from DOC and DOI (i.e. Sustaining MPA Benefits in a Changing Ocean), while a pre-existing Cultural Heritage Resources Working Group was continued in order to provide advice on the second part of the charge: updating the MPA Center's website on managing cultural resources in MPAs. No Subcommittees were established in FY18, nor was there any member travel beyond the single in-person Committee meeting in January 2018. The Committee's work continues to be informed by presentations from experts and members of the public at their meetings.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Presidential Executive Order 13158 calls for a committee of non-Federal scientists, resource managers, and other interested persons and organizations. In making their selection of members, the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior team select people who: 1) represent the broad variety of MPA stakeholders in the public, private, university, and non-governmental sectors; and, 2) live and work in the coastal, ocean and Great Lakes regions of the United States. Members typically represent: commercial and recreational fishing interests; conservation organizations; ocean industry; academic institutions including natural and social scientists; coastal states and territories; tribes and Pacific Islands; non-consumptive uses; and cultural resources. For FY18, seven of the Committee members are women, and two represent ethnic diversity.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Committee met once in person (San Francisco, CA), once virtually and several times in Preparatory or Administrative Sessions during FY18. Committee members come from all regions of the U.S. and convene for their in-person meetings at strategic coastal locations that provide an opportunity for input from practitioners, experts and the public in

that region. At the meetings the Committee members deliberate publicly in order to provide advice and recommendations to assist the Secretaries of Commerce and Interior on how to fulfill their responsibilities as outlined in the Executive Order. The meetings and the Committee charge are essential to the Committee's decision-making and ensure crucial public engagement in these federal MPA agencies.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

E.O. 13158 on Marine Protected Areas (MPA) requires the establishment of an MPA Federal Advisory Committee. This committee is essential to represent the diverse interests of the public in these often complex and consequential issues, and to provide advice to the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior on MPA-related activities and directions. The Committee's breadth of perspective enhances the long-term effectiveness and equity of ocean management in the U.S.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

DOC (NOAA) and DOI (NPS, FWS) are the nation's primary federal MPA agencies. The Committee decision-maker will consult closely with counterparts in the Department of the Interior on the agency's response to Committee recommendations.

Designated Federal Officer

Charles Minton Wahle DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Anderson, John	01/15/2017	12/30/2020	Ocean energy, (Nossaman LLP)	Representative Member
Baird, Brian	11/03/2014	11/15/2018	State agency (retired), (Bay Inst. and Aquarium of the Bay)	Representative Member
Ballotti, John	01/15/2017	12/30/2020	Recreational fishing	Representative Member
Bell, Katy	01/15/2017	12/30/2020	Ocean Exploration, (MIT and Natl. Geographic)	Representative Member
Brylske, Alex	01/15/2017	12/30/2020	Non-consumptive uses (Florida Keys Comm. College)	Representative Member
Callender, Russell	01/15/2017	01/15/2019	DOC/NOAA/Natl. Ocean Service	Ex Officio Member
Carr, Mark	11/03/2014	11/15/2018	Professor of Ecology, (Univ. of Calif. Santa Cruz)	Representative Member
Cox, Jack	01/15/2017	09/07/2018	Commercial fishing	Representative Member
Honey, Martha	11/03/2014	11/15/2018	Tourism, (Center for Responsible Travel)	Representative Member
Horton, Christopher	01/15/2017	12/30/2020	Recreational fishing (Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation)	Representative Member

Hostler-Carmesin, Jacque	01/15/2017 12/30/2020	Tribal and indigenous issues (Trinidad Rancheria)	Representative Member
Madsen, Stephanie	11/03/2014 11/15/2018	Commercial fishing, (At Sea Processors Association)	Representative Member
McClintock, William	01/15/2017 12/30/2020	Social science (Univ. Calif. Santa Barbara)	Representative Member
McClure, Lynn	01/15/2017 12/30/2020	Conservation (National Parks Conservation Association)	Representative Member
McCreedy, Cliff	01/02/2006 01/02/2020	National Park Service	Ex Officio Member
Melzian, Brian	01/01/2005 12/31/2020	Researcher	Ex Officio Member
Morris, Christopher	01/15/2017 01/18/2018	Cultural resources, (NJ Historic Preservation Office)	Representative Member
Murray, Samantha	11/03/2014 11/15/2018	Ocean conservation, (UC San Diego, Scripps Inst. of Oceanography)	Representative Member
Orgera, Ryan	11/03/2014 11/15/2018	Social Science, (George Washington Univ.)	Representative Member
Pierson, John	01/15/2017 12/30/2020	US Navy	Ex Officio Member
Robinson, David	01/15/2017 12/30/2020	Cultural resources, (David S. Robinson and Associates, Inc.)	Representative Member
Stauffer, Pete	11/03/2014 11/15/2018	Non-consumptive uses, (Surfrider Foundation)	Representative Member
Tucker, Steven	01/01/2007 12/31/2020	US Coast Guard	Ex Officio Member
Watson, Trisha	11/03/2014 11/15/2018	Tribal and indigenous people, (Honua Consulting)	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 24

Narrative Description

The Committee provides expert advice to the Departments of Commerce and Interior on the development and management of the nation's system of Marine Protected Areas for the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the nation's natural and cultural resources. The Committee's recommendations directly support NOAA's Strategic Plan and the priorities of DOI's MPA programs.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Generally, the Committee has provided recommendations to the Departments of Commerce and Interior intended to improve the effectiveness, design, adaptive management and efficiency of existing marine protected areas and networks in the face of rapidly changing oceans and uses; and, to broaden and strengthen the public's voice in MPA decisions. During FY18, the Committee focused on sustaining the economic, ecological and cultural benefits provided by MPAs in the face of changing oceans, and on ensuring that MPA managers have the latest tools and approaches for conserving cultural heritage resources in their sites.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

230

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretaries of Commerce and Interior to help inform efforts by the Federal Government and its state, tribal and local partners to effectively design and adaptively manage their MPAs in U.S. waters. Since its inception in 2000, the Committee's recommendations have addressed a wide range of topics from policy to science to site management to outreach and stakeholder engagement among the over 1,200 MPAs in the nation's EEZ.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

27%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The MPAFAC recommendations target multiple federal MPA programs and their state, tribal and local partners around the US. Consequently, their implementation is often gradual, incremental and dispersed across regions and levels of government. NOAA's MPA Center is conducting a review of the MPAFAC's impacts and expects these implementation data to be more robust in the FY19 ACR.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

29%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Agencies (DOC and DOI) provide regular feedback to the Committee on their recommendations both in writing and at routine inter-agency meetings. Additionally, NOAA's MPA Center is conducting a review of the MPAFAC's impacts which includes exploring new ways to engage all federal MPA programs throughout the Committee's work, from crafting the charge, to ensuring its ultimate implementation among its MPA programs.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other



Action Comments

The Committee's recommendations were a significant component of the design, implementation and plans for evaluation for the national system of Marine Protected Areas, and have influenced many MPA programs' priorities both in the US and abroad..

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO



Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

N/A